



The proposed Lower Thames Crossing will be the longest road tunnel in the UK and the most ambitious road project for more than 30 years. If we get permission to build, we will need your help to design, build and operate this new connection between Kent and Essex.

Find out about jobs or how you or your business can get involved.

# About the Lower Thames Crossing

The Lower Thames Crossing is the most ambitious road project in a generation – a new connection between Kent, Thurrock, Essex and Havering through the longest road tunnel in the UK, beneath the River Thames.

It will improve journeys by almost doubling road capacity across the River Thames east of London, better connecting people to jobs and businesses to customers, as well as improve air quality in the region, and create new green spaces for communities and wildlife.

To build the project we'll need more than **22,000 people** on our team from engineers and designers, to caterers and IT support.

We'll create hundreds of apprenticeships, graduate and training opportunities and new work for hundreds of local businesses.



## Get involved

## **Your business**

Here are three steps your business can take to get involved with the Lower Thames Crossing:

#### 1. Register your interest:

Let us know you're interested in working on the project and be kept up to date on progress by registering on our procurement platform Bravo.

#### 2. Join our business directory:

Add your business to the project's SME (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) directory, which will be used by Tier 1 contractors to build their supply chains.

#### 3. Upskill your business with free training:

Build your skills and knowledge with free training from the Supply Chain Sustainability School and upskill your business to be in the best position to tender for work on the project.

## Work on the project

There are many ways you can work on the project:

#### Apprenticeships:

Whatever your age and whatever your background, we'll have a diverse range of apprenticeships at all levels, from entry to degree.

#### Graduate schemes:

From finance and operations to communications and engineering, we'll offer a range of three-year graduate schemes.

#### Local jobs:

Our aim is to provide local people with new and inclusive job, training and placement opportunities.

#### Find out more on our website

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/work-with-us

## Your Business

## Register your interest

### Bravo portal

In order to take details from companies who are interested in the project. National Highways uses a website called Bravo.

Through the Bravo portal, you can register your interest and keep up to date with the National Highways procurement processes.

## How do I register my interest to work on the **Lower Thames Crossing?**

- 1. Visit the Bravo portal https://highways.bravosolution.co.uk and click Register.
- 2. Enter your business details.
- **3.** Log into the Bravo portal with your new username and password.
- 4. Click on ITTs Open to All Suppliers (Invitations to Tender) and select the ITT you want to express interest in, or you can select ITT 4336 -General Information.
- **5.** Click the **Express Interest** button to register your interest.

If you have any technical issues or questions about using the Bravo portal, please contact Bravo:



## Join our business directory

## **SME Directory**

National Highways wants to support local businesses and SMEs interested in working on the Lower Thames Crossing. Your business can play a crucial role in delivering the most ambitious road project in the UK in more than 30 years.

The project's SME Directory is a list of businesses like yours, which will be used by Tier 1 contractors to build their supply chains.

When adding your business to the directory, you can include a description of what sets you apart and why major contractors should select you as part of their supply chain. It will be given to main contractors so they can easily see and contact local businesses with the skills and services needed to deliver the project.

# How do I register my interest to work on the Lower Thames Crossing?

- **1.** Go to the Lower Thames Crossing website.
- **2.** Navigate to the **Work with us** page.
- 3. Click on the **SME directory** button.
- 4. Register your business.

## **Upskill your business with free training**

## Supply Chain Sustainability School

National Highways is looking to engage with companies of all sizes who might be interested in working on the Lower Thames Crossing project.

You can register your business for the Supply Chain Sustainability School and take modules on topics that will provide a firm basis for working on a major piece of infrastructure. This will help upskill your business, putting you in the best position to tender for work on the project.

Once you're registered, enrol in the National Highways learning pathways to show you're ready to work on any of our schemes.

## Supply Chain Sustainability School resources

- **1.** Sign up with the school for hundreds of free resources.
- **2.** Once you're registered, enrol in the National Highways learning pathways to show you're ready to work on one of our schemes.
- **3.** Come along to virtual and in-person events and workshops to further develop your skills.

# Work on the project

We can't build for the future without ambitious, energetic, and hard-working people around us. That's where you come in.

## **Apprenticeships**

By joining our apprenticeship programme, you can take on a fulfilling role, earn a salary, gain practical work experience, and achieve professional qualifications - all at the same time.

### **Graduate schemes**

By joining our graduate programme, we can help you get your career to a flying start, while gaining a recognised professional qualification.

Our programmes are designed to give you all of the skills and experience you need to grow your career. Some of the types of programmes we offer include:

- Project management
- Civil engineering
- Design
- Quantity surveying
- Finance and accountancy
- Environment

### **Local Jobs**

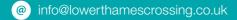
All jobs are advertised on the National Highways website and locally via job portals and brokerage services.

#### Find out more on our website

www.highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/work-with-us

If you need help accessing this or any other National Highways information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

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